

1. Staggered Page Book

A staggered page book will have twice as many pages as the number of papers you start with. Staggered page books can be presented horizontally or vertically.

Writing Ideas for Staggered Page Books:

* **A Very Hungry Book:** Using the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle as a model, students write their own "very hungry" book about another character.

* **Important Facts:** Students pick a topic they are studying and write the topic on the top step, as a cover, then add facts and illustrations to the other pages.

* **Acrostic Poem:** Students choose a five or six letter noun and follow the steps to make and illustrate an acrostic poem. [Each letter of the chosen word starts a new sentence.]

* **Create a Color Poem:** Share some of the poems from Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill. Students then make a book about their favorite color using a simile (like or as...) for each one.

* **Describe a Person, Place or Thing:** Students describe a person, an artifact, or place on all but the top page. Top page becomes the "Cover".

* **Writing Directions.** A staggered page book is ideal for recording sequential directions, ie: "How to make a pinch pot". "How to make s'mores" etc.

The staples may be covered with colored tape, or with a folded strip of paper glued around the stapled edge for a more finished appearance.

